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WITHIN THE WEEK

That was a tempting mess of mathematics Pres TRUMAN set before the congress in his state-of-the-nation report. But any question of approaching a balanced budget can be only an illusion under prevailing conditions. Mr TRUMAN's vision of \$31.5 billions in tax receipts must rest upon accelerated production and trade, the only sources from which such sums can come. With 2 million men on strike and millions more soon to be curbed thru dwindling supply lines, the prospect is not bright.

MEAT: Our forecast of last wk, concerning seizure of packing-houses is now being fulfilled, with some uncertainty as to degree of union co-operation. There's an easy temptation to view this as a solution. It is, of course, only a move of desperation. Situation here is quite different than in auto industry where technological improvements, abnormal demand, may result in substantial production and distribution economies. Meat is pretty well standardized industry, thoroughly regulated by gov't edicts. Statement of Geo Eastwood, Armour pres, seems to make sense: "The issue is not whether wages shall be raised, but where the money is to come from. That's up to the gov't. It controls our income thru ceilings on meat and floors and ceilings on live stock. When price

relief question is decided, wages can be determined."

STEEL: Study of steel reveals fact that gov't now owns \$1 billion of steel enterprises, acquired as war measure. CIO proposal that these be operated "by individuals such as HENRY J KAISER" (who has accepted TRUMAN wage-increase proposal) is pretty strong bid for nationalization of steel production. FAIRLESS proposal that Mr TRUMAN call a conference of experienced executives for a study of price and wage situation, is more temperate suggestion, but one not likely to appeal to Administration in present mood.

AUTO: Steel strike, if long cont'd, will lift from Gen'l Motors its strongest compulsion to renew operations: the fact that competitors are making cars while GM plants idle. With no steel, all of them will be in pretty much the same boat.

Here's an interesting sidelight on deterioration of automobile promotion policies: Fortnight ago, one of our editors wrote to six auto mfgs (no Gen'l Motors affiliates) stating that he was interested in new models; asking for descriptive literature or the name of a local distributor with whom he might place an advance order. To date, he's rec'd one reply: noncommittal.



SHIFTING SANDS

We see strong indications that there's about to be a tightening of moral standards in the production of motion pictures, plays, and to some degree in the publishing of books. About every so often the country goes on a "sophisticated" spree. The reaction is overdue. As NOEL COWARD said in London last wk, "We've been swamped with mass vulgarity on the grand scale." Action of N Y censor board in banning recent film with prostitute-and-procurer theme has sobered movie industry. CHAS. M REAGAN, gen'l sales mgr of Paramount, said at a convention in Denver the other day: "It is a wise producer who shies away from trash and glamorized vice." . . . Despite the wealth of new synthetics, silk is definitely coming back into its place in the world mkt. And with all of its former prestige. Silk is selling currently at about 4 times its pre-war price; promises to hold its own as the prestige fabric of the foreseeable future.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"A veteran isn't going to ask, 'Was this house made by free enterprise?' He'll want to know how many rooms it has and how much the rent is."—Spokesman for CIO program which proposes that gov't take over housing, tell mfgs what to make, how much they can charge, etc. Advocates are said to favor this as permanent measure, not temporary expedient. 1-Q

"As I told the movie official who approached me, I have a contract with my constituents to be here in Washington and represent them."—Rep CLARE BOOTH LUCE, scotching rumor that she would co-star with GEO RAFT, in film, *The Congressman*. 2-Q

"I hope the War Dep't rejects any such request. It would do everyone good to come in contact every day with these men who have made such a sacrifice for their country."—Rep JERRY VOORHIS, charging that some Atlantic City civic leaders are attempting to bar soldier-amputees from the boardwalks because they feel visitors might be "depressed" by the sight of disabled veterans. 3-Q

"In our discussion of full employment, the emphasis has been on only the worker. A few billions of unemployed capital create no sympathy at all."—Sen JOSEPH H BALL. 4-Q

"For sale or lease, 26-room dwelling, large site . . . Suitable for convalescent home, funeral parlor or night club."—Adv in *N Y Times*. 5-Q

"The federal law prevents our excluding Negroes from our primaries and we must abide by it . . . but white folks will run the state like they always have — and always will."—GESSNER T MCCORVEY, Mobile, Ala, Democratic committee chairman, commenting on removal of 75-yr-old specification that only white persons can vote in the party's primaries. 6-Q

"I told the Pres I didn't want them to run out of meat over there at the White House, so I



brought him some from Georgia."—Rep COX, who recently gave Pres TRUMAN a wild turkey gobbler. (But on eve of nat'l strike in meat industry, housekeeper revealed that White House refrigerators, freezing units are amply stocked.) 7-Q

"Katherine Hepburn is way too thin, but she has wonderful bones. Her face will still be beautiful when she's 90. Or dead, even."—EARL CORDEY, Hollywood artist-illustrator. 8-Q

"To Who Finds This: While floating in this expansive water I have had a lot of time to think . . . My only regret is I went to 'Poly instead of Manual.' — Pencil note, dated Mar 1, '35, and signed 'AMELIA AIRHEART.' Found in pocket of 'Mae West' jacket which drifted ashore at Santa Monica, note is not being taken too seriously by police. 9-Q

"To raise funds, we have decided to assess each mbr according to her hip measurement."—Treas, Althea Soc'y, 1st Congregational Church, Plymouth, Conn. (In former yrs, assessments were made on basis of waist measurements.) 10-Q

"Actors finally get to the point where they think they can be farmers. I've seen too many end up with a fine crop of mortgages."—IDA LUPINO's business mgr, disapproving the screen actress's wish to raise cattle and hogs. 11-Q

"The American Legion feels that if officers can be paid for accumulated but unused leave then enlisted men should be treated the same way."—Col JOHN THOMAS TAYLOR, Nat'l Director of Legislation, Am-

erican Legion, announcing intention to urge congress to provide terminal leave plan for enlisted men. 12-Q

"That moment of surrender in Tokyo bay was bought with the blood of more than a million Americans who died or were wounded in the struggle. Billions of dollars and countless hrs of work by Americans at home . . . were req'd to bring that little party of beaten Japs to the *Missouri's* deck. All because for a while we were careless of the nation's safety . . . I hope the story of what Americans suffered will always be remembered . . . as a lesson which almost lost for us this land we love."—Gen'l JONATHAN M WAINWRIGHT, newly-appointed commanding officer, 4th Army, Ft Sam Houston. 13-Q

"I trust that my performance as a golfer will not be publicized by my Scottish friends or they would disown me at once."—Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, accepting invitation of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Scotland, to become an honorary life mbr. 14-Q


"I carry a load of responsibility in which decision will affect the world for decades . . . It's a question of how long one man can carry such a load and still make the right decisions."—Maj Gen'l LESLIE R GROVES, expressing desire to resign as commander of atom bomb project. 15-Q

"People thruout the world are sick of propaganda. This is no time for the gov't to offer American made patent medicine in the hope that it will cure everybody."—CARL W ACKERMAN, dean of Columbia school of journalism. In a letter to Pres TRUMAN, he sided with A P and U P in controversy over sending of American news abroad thru medium of state dep't. 16-Q

"We fully expect to have a permanent group of women in the regular Army."—Maj Gen'l WILLARD PAUL, chief of Army personnel, revealing plans to keep women's corps of 5,000 to 6,000 in postwar regular Army. 17-Q

"The war is over. People want to forget. They should be taken on tours of veterans hospitals. Once you see those men you never forget." — Congresswoman EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, blaming "apathetic public" for "scandalous" conditions in veterans hospitals. Mrs ROGERS charges that hospitals are by-passed by U S O entertainers because "they have no glamor." 18-Q

On the Other Hand...

 "I'll try to keep a Senate majority on the floor, or sleeping nearby, for as many wks as it takes to wear out the minority of senators who are trying to block the majority." — Sen WAYNE C MORSE, of Oregon, supporter of the Fair Employment Practice bill, which southern senators seek to defeat by filibuster.

"If the opposition wants to run a 24-hr show, we are also 100 percent-lutely ready. We have enough speakers so we can operate in shifts." — Sen THEO G BILBO, of Miss, expressing southern determination to conduct indefinite filibuster.

"What hurts our paternal heart above all is the fact that when the war still was raging all the nations of the world thru their leading representatives promised us among other things that they would never attack any religion." — POPE PIUS XII, accusing Russia of persecuting the Roman Catholic Church in Ruthenia. He appealed to the United Nations to keep their pledge of religious freedom for all. 19-Q

"Over 40% of all factory workers in U S earn their living by making steel into useful products." — Estimate by Am Iron & Steel Inst. 20-Q

"I cannot conceive that a sum of 3½ cts should be permitted to retard or destroy the possibility of real peace and prosperity for the nation." — HENRY J KAISER, signing a CIO contract, giving workers of his Fontana, Calif steel mill 18½ cts per hr wage raise proposed by Pres TRUMAN. (U S Steel offers 15

cts an hr raise, which Pres FAIRLESS points out will cost its manufacturing subsidiaries approx \$60 million a yr.) 21-Q

"Certainly our clergy should have the right to express opinions on political and social issues. Chaplains of all faiths led our men spiritually and mentally in battle. Why should their influence not be recognized during reconversion, which is mainly a moral problem?" — Rev JAS M GILLIS, of N Y, conducting a Catholic forum. ("I fear," says Fr GILLIS, "God is being voted out of the UNO conferences.") 22-Q

"I'm not afraid of this labor gov't. If it goes too far, we'll just throw it out." — Lady ASTOR, visiting U S after 8 yrs absence. (Am-born, she was 1st woman mbr of British parliament; aspired to be 1st in house of lords.) 23-Q

"You just can't consider a diaper as an ordinary piece of cloth... it's got a personality, and you must develop it the right way." — W R GAUSE, operator of a Memphis, Tenn diaper service, lecturing ex-servicemen who wish to enter the business. 24-Q

"It's like getting enough breakfast to make you hungry for lunch." — Appliance merchandising man for a Cleveland dept store, commenting on the dribble of merchandise currently rec'd. 25-Q

"He seemed like such a nice man; I wouldn't want his wife to think there was another woman in his life." — A Salt Lake City woman calling a local newspaper to explain that in a crowded bus she had accidentally brushed against a man standing beside her, leaving lipstick smudge on his light-colored over-coat. 26-Q

"Farmers are sick of strikes." — EDW A O'NEAL, pres, American Farm Bureau Fed, addressing annual conference Northeastern Farm Bureau officers in N Y. 27-Q

"The South has always been below par in education standards, and this war has wiped out 10% of the 11.33% increase in school attendance during 10-yr period, '30 to '40." — Dr EDW L MORPHETT, Fla Dep't of Education. (Percent-

age of Negro pupils, however, increased from 18.8% in '40 to better than 21% in '44.) 28-Q

"Sorry, I musta had the wrong address." — Altoona, Pa burglar who woke a sleeping victim, asked for her cash. When the woman said she had only \$6, the burglar asked her name, consulted a small black book, and apologized. 29-Q

"I wanted to help. I know how hard it is to go to school in normal times, let alone now." — WALDO McDOWELL, Ames, Ia real estate man who made over a game room in his home, let it to GI student and wife without charge. 30-Q

"People have a lot of money, they can't spend it on many of the things they want because they aren't available, and if we can siphon some of it off into the Treasury in an honest gambling proposition, nobody will suffer." — ADOLPH SABATH, dean of the House of Representatives and chairman of Rules Committee, defending proposed nat'l lottery law. 31-Q

"I've spent some time on it, simply because it looked like it couldn't be done. People should do things like that." — Dr N E HANSEN, Brookings, S D, "the Burbank of the Plains," commenting on his plan to produce thornless rose. 32-Q



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

The Movement Toward Missions

JEAN MEEGAN

American servicemen abroad did a remarkable promotion job for foreign missions. They wrote letters home, filled with surprise at the treatment rec'd from christianized natives.

An interesting development has been the increase in applicants for missionary work. The Maryknolls, one of the largest Catholic houses, has had 328 young people join their ranks for the purpose of going to the Orient. They have applications from 200 servicemen who want to be missionaries.

There will be no gen'l exodus from America to the East. In groups of 2 or 3, the missionaries depart when they have passage and permission. The most ticklish spot, of course, is Japan. Granted there are pious persons eager to preach, and generous individuals willing to finance the venture, there is still the question of how the Japanese are going to take it.

The Protestants decided to send a committee of 4 to size up the situation. They represent the Federal Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions conference, the Internat'l Missions council, and the World Council of Churches. These groups are now awaiting the ret'n of their representatives before making other plans. Dr A K REISCHAUER, of the Foreign Missions conference says, "If they find a welcome, the next step would be to send a larger commission. They could see what was needed and what would be welcome.

Mindful of the values involved, Dr REISCHAUER added, "It's a little difficult for Americans to go over preaching about the Prince of Peace after that 2nd atomic bomb."
—Abridged from an AP dispatch.

ADVERTISING—1

Marshal Field tells of the auto executive at a board meeting who argued against a big advertising appropriation. There was no need; people would be lined up for yrs to buy cars anyway.

"Sure," said the advertising mgr, "but in whose line?"—*Tide*.

ADVICE—2

A young Indian girl was asked by her high school teacher to write something about Socrates. She wrote:

"Socrates was a Greek philosopher who went about giving people good advice. They poisoned him."
—*Nation's Business*.

ATOMIC AGE—3

The editor of Columbia's *Pleasures of Publishing* tells of a frantic order from a N Y bookstore for a copy of "The Rights of Atoms," a clerk having confused current headlines with Columbia's vol, *The Rights of Infants*. "This natural error," concludes the editor, "raises a difficult question. Perhaps our scientists have invaded atomic privacy. After all, did the atom ask to be split?"

BEAUTY—Unseen—4

Walter Savage Landor, the English essayist and poet, once asked this question, "Will not men look up to the rainbow unless they are called to it by a clap of thunder?"
—RALPH W SOCKMAN, "The Healing Touch," *Pastor*, 1-46.

CHARACTER—5

You can pretty well tell a farmer by his corner posts. If his corner posts are firmly anchored, stand straight and are braced and double-wired, then you can know the man is a good farmer.—HOMER CROY, *Wonderful Neighbor*. (Harper)

CHURCH—Contribution—6

A minister was puzzled. He found that several I O U's were dropped in the offering plate. He thought it was being done by a practical joker, but some wks later he found in the plate an envelope containing bills equal to the I O U's. They ranged from \$5 to \$15 and were apparently based on whatever the donor happened to think the sermon worth.

Then came a Sunday when the

sermon was not up to par. After the service the usual envelope was in one of the plates. But the slip of paper read: "U O Me \$5." —*Church Mgt*.

COMPETITION—7

Business is never so healthy as when, like a chicken, it must do a certain am't of scratching for what it gets.—HENRY FORD, *Forbes*.

ECONOMICS—8

It is within our rights to know under what conditions any work is performed, and whether the wages paid make it possible for a family to maintain a decent standard of living . . . We are interested in finding out whether a business can really pay these wages. We can only do that as we know . . . what the profits are to management and stockholders, what the remuneration is for distribution and whether the ultimate price to the consumer is a fair one . . . It should not be just labor unions and management who are interested in these questions. It should be the public as a whole, and the information should be available to any citizen. — ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, "If You Ask Me . . .," *Ladies' Home Jnl*, 1-46.

EDUCATION—9

There is a story going the rounds which educators may find hits home increasingly. A distinguished churchman spoke for an hr before an audience on the subject of the Immaculate Conception, with theological subtlety, learning, and brilliance. Afterwards, when he asked for questions, there was a long silence. At length, one voice spoke out: "What are the advantages?" Every teacher in America will have to answer such a question concerning his field many times for many ret'g soldiers. — DONALD A STAUFFER, "An Ex-Marine Returns to Teaching," *American Scholar*, Winter, '45-46.

FAITH—10

If man were forced to demonstrate for himself all the truths of which he makes daily use, his task would never end . . . There is no philosopher in the world so great but that he believes a million things on the faith of other people and accepts a great many more

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truths than he demonstrates.—
ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE, *Democracy in America*. (Knopf)

They DO say . . .

Having apparently grown weary of the stale euphemisms, "Exchange," "Selected," and "Contributed," the Humor Editor of *The Family Circle* now brands his appropriated gags with engaging frankness, "Stolen," "Swiped," "Filched," "Lifted," "Resuscitated," etc . . . Theater operators report that the movie *Sahara*, featuring HUMPHREY BOGART in the desert, doubled the audience demand for cokes . . . From Hollywood, EDITH Gwynn advises that the enterprising Forest Lawn now has a life insurance co, along with its burying business . . . Wholesale and retail houses say their shelves are loaded with flags of United Nations — and very little demand . . . DELOS AVERY tells of a Detroit citizen who sent his friends a calendar providing for only the 1st 6 mo's of '46. "If," the donor wrote, "by the middle of June there is any trustworthy evidence of probable terrestrial continuity, I shall send you the other half-yr."

FREEDOM—Dangers of—11

The difference between a river and a swamp is that a river is confined within banks, while a swamp is not . . . Because a river is confined, and channeled, it has life. It is a mighty, moving, living thing. Because a swamp has no restrictions, it becomes thin and stagnant . . . In our modern life we boast of freedom. We want life without restrictions and without confinement. Only we forget that such living becomes stagnant. — LEONARD COCHRAN, editorial, *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

IGNORANCE—12

Ignorance cannot be quarantined. High mobility of population spreads the virus of educational deficiency thruout the land. If some American children are denied a good education, so all suffer. We all benefit from high levels of educational attainment. — JOHN K NORRIS, "The Myth of Educational Equality," *American Mercury*, 1-'46.

JUSTICE—13

It has always seemed to me a sad incongruity the way we represent the figure of Justice. We put a sword in one hand, a pair of scales in the other; then we tie a bandage tightly over her eyes. Blindfolded, she cannot see where to strike; cannot read her own scales, and never knows when they balance. That, ironically enough, is the trouble with our kind of justice. Neither the love nor the justice of God is blindfolded.—PAUL SCHERER, *Event in Eternity*. (Harper)

LABOR UNIONS—14

There is often more prejudice against unionism among resident managers and local superintendents and foremen than there is in the home office among the upper executives and directors. Some lower executives have resented interference with their right to be "boss" of their domain, a status which they have felt was one of the perquisites of their position.—SAM A LEWISOHN, *Human Leadership in Industry*. (Harper)

LANGUAGE—15

We need more walkie-talkie words—terms that say things on the run.—P K THOMAJAN, in adv booklet, *Copy by Thomajan*.

LAZINESS—16

There's a Missouri story about a hound sitting in a country store and howling as hounds howl. In comes a stranger who says to the storekeeper, "What's the matter with the dog?" "He's sittin' on a cocklebur." "Why doesn't he get off?" "He'd rather holler." — WM K ANDERSON, "On Wailing," *Pastor's Jnl*, 1-'46.

MOTHER—Defined—17

A mother is a woman who runs a temperature of 103 every time her child's temperature hits 100.—HARLAN MILLER, "Over the Coffee," *Des Moines Sunday Register*.

ORIGIN—"Bitter End"—18

To "the bitter end" has a nautical origin. A ship's anchor chain, at the point where it was fastened to a vertical timber called the bitt, was known as the bitter end. Thus when the chain has been payed out to the bitter end, there's nothing more that can be done.—*Ships*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
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MEGAPHONE**

Meeting in Cleveland this wk, mbrs of the Nat'l Education ass'n registered surprise, dismay, and it must be admitted, a degree of futility whenever the subject of vet veterans was brought up. And it was brought frequently!

Already, leading colleges and universities are overtaxing facilities to accommodate veterans, and enrollment crest is not expected until fall semester. Threat to establish "GI Universities" was made openly by C E HOSTETTLER, a regional veterans administrator, at an open forum. "We prefer not to go into school business," he said, "but if there are no facilities . . . we can set up our own." GI bill gives administration this right; even permits taking over of "available facilities" under contract. Educators are frightened, and may well be.

Veterans Administration Report dated Jan 12 points out that smaller liberal arts colleges have facilities for "thousands of students" which are not being utilized. That is understandable. GI bill gives vet right to choose. Majority select big, popular, "advertised" schools. Moreover, high percentage of servicemen seek specialized training which cannot be obtained in the smaller colleges.

Next few mo's will be decisive. Our opinion: VA will try to work with existing set-up. Anticipate program to develop temporary housing, enlarged classroom facilities, add'l instructors. There may be special effort to filter into smaller schools those vets seeking classical education. Pressure will probably be put on larger institutions to accept specified percentage of veterans. If all else fails, then the "GI University" is probably in the picture, whether educators like it or not.



FOOD: Peanut-butter bricks, molded like dairy butter, flavored orange, chocolate, vanilla, malted milk, etc., may soon appear in stores. Easily sliced, bricks offer special advantage in sandwich-making. (*Georgia Dep't of Agriculture*)

You can expect many early innovations in canned food products. Interesting new combinations are on the way, including ham and candied sweet potatoes, pork and apple sauce, beef and gravy. Crepes suzette in cans will soon be available. (*American Can Co*)

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MEDICINE: Following a long period of sustained research, an effective vaccine against influenza has now been produced by U of Mich's school of public health.

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PRODUCTS: Chewing gum of the future will not stick to furniture or floors. Will be based on domestic plastics rather than more orthodox imported vegetable gums. (*Business Wk*)

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RADIO: Room-trapped radio is latest promise of electronic engineers. Electronic plates attached to opposite walls of room would enable those in room to hear, but broadcast would not be audible in area beyond the two plates. Hotels and ap't houses should afford good mkt. (*Westinghouse Research Lab's*)

Radio frequency heat is making great strides in industry. Firestone cures large hard-rubber wheels in 18 min. Steam process formerly took 5 hrs. Candy maker uses radio frequency to combat mustiness in peanuts. Nuts are exposed briefly to waves which heat them thru, leave flavor unchanged, kill infecting organisms. Brewers are studying possibility of using radio heat to kill yeast in bottled beer, replacing slow, costly pasteurizing process. (*Wall St Jnl*)

PATIENCE—19

A doctor was once asked by a patient who had met with a serious accident, "Doctor, how long shall I have to lie here?"

The physician ans'd cheerfully: "Only a day at a time."—ANDREW MURRAY, *Religious Telescope*.

PUNCTUALITY—Tardiness—20

Once there was a man who put on a big spurt to catch his train—but he missed it. A bystander who had seen his final brave and nearly successful effort said, "Well, if you had just run a little faster you would have made it."

"No," the man replied, "it wasn't a case of running faster, but of starting sooner."—C J KEILER, *Nalaco*.

RACE—Discrimination—21

You can't help it if someone preaches racial hatred and discrimination. He's usually a McCarthy repeating the tired lines of a master who seeks discord for selfish gain. You can't help it if some one of your friends is already steeped in these vicious lines. Or can you? You can stand firm and say you *don't* agree. You can speak your own clean words. You needn't fall in line with the crowd; needn't add your own (but never really your own) voice to the show. You're not really a McCarthy. McCarthy is a dummy. —ALICE BEATON, "Charlie McCarthy Is a Dummy," *Seventeen*, 1-'46.

SELF-INTEREST—22

It is of no use to tell a man that his hens eat your tomatoes; it makes no impression on him, for the tomatoes are not his. The best way is to casually remark to him that he has a fine lot of chickens, pretty well grown, and that you like spring chicken broiled. He will take them away at once. —CHAS DUDLEY WARNER, *Woman's Home Companion*.

SERVICEMEN—Ret'n—23

We are already beginning to forget what our fighting men went thru. One man describes the situation in his town: "With the last 10 men who came back it was 'Hail the conquering heroes!' With the next 50 it was, 'Glad to see you back, fellows.' With the next 200 it was, 'This mob of veterans is

getting to be quite a troublesome problem.'" —Gen'l OMAR N BRADLEY, "What The Veterans Deserve From You," *American Mag*, 2-'46.

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The pure-blood men met a guy whose bloodlines were a mess—A fellow who could view the fact and feel no great distress; A touch of Trumbull in his blood, a dash of Brian Boru, A little of Columbus and Hendrik Hudson, too; A flavor of Pete Stuyvesant and "Injun Joe" McFee, And Garibaldi, Gansevoort, Revere and Mike McGee; This scrapper's worthy ancestors, who had the "do-or-die," If asked for their initials, would have simply said, "G I."

—H I PHILLIPS, concluding stanza of a poem, *Pure Racers Meet Mixed Blood Boys*, from syndicated col, *The Sun Dial*. 24

TACITURNITY—25

Two Vermonters met on the street. Said one, "What's new?" "John's dead." "Yeh?" "Yep. Died last wk. Didn't want much said about it." —JOHN L COOLEY, *Banking*.

TOLERANCE—26

Tolerance does not consist of an eager assertion that religion and unreligion are all of a piece or that one religion is as good as another: that snake worship in the backwoods of Ky is as noble as what goes on at the Riverside church under Dr Fosdick; that voodoo incantations are as intelligent as that which is taught at the Catholic University in Washington or at Andover Newton Theological School . . .

Tolerance means, rather, a willingness to let any man have cult, creed and code that are different from one's own until one can persuade the man that one's own are better. —BERNARD IDDINGS BELL, "What About Church Unity?" *Atlantic Monthly*, 1-'46.

WISDOM—27

Wisdom is made up of 10 parts 9 of which are silence, and the 10th brevity.—MYRON GREEN, *Woodmen Mag*.

My Favorite Story

Following established custom, the theatrical jnl, VARIETY, celebrating 40th anniversary, asked a number of celebrities to contribute a favorite anecdote. As such things are likely to be, it's a tolerably corny collection. However, we pass on a few samples:

ARTHUR KOBER: A traveling salesman was kept awake because a man in the berth above him kept moaning over and over, "Oi, am I t'oisty! Oi, am I t'oisty!" The drummer finally realized that the only way he could get some sleep was to satisfy the gent in the upper. So he wearily got up, shuffled to the head of the car, filled a paper cup with water, and ret'd to hand the cup to the man in the upper. "Here!" he said, thrusting the water upon the parched stranger. Then he settled back to bed. There was a moment of silence, then the chant resumed: "Oi, was I t'oisty! Oi, was I t'oisty!"

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BENNETT CERF: "Patrolman Cassidy calling," came a voice from the hall, accompanied by a loud knocking on the door of Apt 6-B. "What do you want?" demanded a strident voice from within.

"It's your husband," hollered the cop. "A big steamroller just ran over him."

"Well, don't stand there talking," commanded the wife, "slide him under the door."

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EDDIE DAVIS (of Leon & Eddie's): Two men, evidently partners in business, got into an argument, and when it became heated I was prompted to look in on it. I heard one say to the other:

"You thief, you are so crooked that the wool you pull over my eyes is 50% cotton!"

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ED GARDNER (of Duffy's Tavern): A barber said to a customer, "How do you want your hair cut?" The customer replied, "Off."

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RALPH EDWARDS ("Truth or Consequences"): There was a family of turtles—mother, father and baby. As winter came on, mother and father turtle were concerned at baby turtle's constant habit of keeping his neck out of his shell. Several of their friends' baby turtles had already caught cold; they didn't want to alarm baby turtle, but they did talk about it.

One day baby turtle overheard his parents and said: "I know what

you're talking about, but I wouldn't catch cold if you bought me one of those people-neck sweaters."

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TALLULAH BANKHEAD: This really happened. When I was touring in "The Little Foxes," in the middle west, Frank Conroy went into a little beanery next door to the theatre. Two local characters were talking. One asked what was playing at the theatre. He was told that it was a stage show with live actors, Tallulah Bankhead in "The Little Foxes."

"What's it about?"

"Oh," said the dispenser of worldly knowledge, "she does a strip-tease with little fox furs."

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HARRY HERSHFIELD: Arriving home earlier than usual, the husband found his wife in the embrace of a friend. Friend asserted himself: "Now that you've trapped us, let's have this out man to man. I love your wife, and she loves me. Will you play a game of gin rummy to decide between us?"

"Sure," said the obliging husband, "but how about stakes of a penny—a point on the side, just to make it interesting?"

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J C FLIPPEN: I like the one about the fighter who used to climb into the ring clad in pajamas. He figured, "If I'm going to sleep I might as well be comfortable."

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LARRY ADLER: During the course of our USO tour, Jack Benny, Ingrid Bergman and I were driving to Stuttgart, Germany. It was about 10:30 at night; we had just finished giving a show. Suddenly we heard a shot and at the same time I felt an impact against my back which knocked me to the floor of the car.

It turned out to be a sentry, who fired at us after our car had passed without obeying the signal to stop. No one in the car, including the Army driver, had seen or heard the sentry. We were finally allowed to proceed. Ten min later, a black cat darted across our path.

"Look," said Jack, pointing to the cat, "now he tells us!"



Chicago

CARL SANDBURG

Thirty yrs ago, come a few wks, the house of HOLT published a slim book of poems by a young fellow who held an obscure desk job on ARCH SHAW'S business jnl, System. It was the title poem, CHICAGO, that gave our midwest metropolis the enduring epithet, "Hog Butcher for the World." Over the stockyds, this wk there settled an eerie, pervading silence. As housewives turned apprehensive eyes upon their larders, the Butcher was on indefinite leave.

Hog Butcher for the World,
Tool Maker, Stacker of Wheat,
Player with Railroads and the
Nation's Freight Handler;
Stormy, husky, brawling,
City of the Big Shoulders:

They tell me you are wicked, and I believe them, for I have seen your painted women under the gas lamps luring the farm boys.

And they tell me you are crooked and I answer: Yes, it is true I have seen the gunman kill and go free to kill again.

And they tell me you are brutal and my reply is: On the faces of women and children I have seen the marks of wanton hunger.

And having answered so I turn once more to those who sneer at this my city, and I give them back the sneer and say to them:

Come and show me another city with lifted head singing so proud to be alive and coarse and strong and cunning.

Flinging magnetic curses amid the toil of piling job on job, here is a tall bold slugger set vivid against the little soft cities . . .

Laughing the stormy, husky, brawling laughter of Youth, half-naked, sweating, proud to be Hog Butcher, Tool Maker, Stacker of Wheat, Player with Railroads and Freight Handler to the Nation.

A husky bank clerk had a small safe in his home. One day the combination got out of order, so he lifted it in his brawny arms and carried it down the street to the local locksmith. On the way he nearly bumped into the justice of the peace.

"For heaven's sake, Elmer," said His Honor, "why can't you carry a wallet like everybody else?" — *Bankamerican*.

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Actor Johnny Harmon's little girl is a great movie fan. When she came home from the matinee the other afternoon, her father asked her how she liked the picture.

"It was awful," she said, "I could hardly sit thru it the 2nd time." — *Philadelphia Record*.

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A young son came to his mother one day carrying an invitation to a children's party to be given by one of the mothers in the neighborhood. As it carried an RSVP, the mother at once dispatched an acceptance for her son. The boy attended the party and sometime afterward the mother asked him where the envelope was in which the invitation had come. The son replied: "Oh, I didn't get any envelope. I traded a marble for the invitation." — *Christian Courier*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ELIOT JANEWAY,

Political Editor
Life and Fortune

At the time the Gen'l Motors strike was called I chanced to be in Washington, in the hotel apt of a man who had known Roosevelt intimately.

"If the Skipper were around now," my host mused, "do you know what he'd do?"

"No," I said, "What would he do?"

"Well, I think he'd probably trot out what's left of the Japanese fleet and let our Navy practice on it with atomic bombs. At any rate, you could count on him to think up something spectacular to divert people's minds from the discordant headlines. And that's what we need most at the moment."

At a Texas Army camp, a long-eared, sad-eyed mule named Brad had done his work well and faithfully. Just before the outfit shipped for overseas, a long list of promotions for the enlisted personnel was placed on the bulletin board.

Beneath it, the men tacked on a resolution:

"Whereas the mule, Brad, has performed acts beyond the call of duty, and whereas he has gained the respect and admiration of this company, be it resolved that, henceforward, he shall be addressed by the more dignified name of Bradford, and that he is hereby promoted to the rank of horse." — *Wall St Jnl*.

Speaking Of Speakers . . .

JOHN ANDREW HOLMES

Brevity is next to eloquence.

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Though all speeches are delivered, their customers can get better measure by meeting them half way.

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It is a proud day for a speech when the audience and the speaker are both all there.

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Some preachers are instrumental in bringing in the kingdom of heaven, but others are only vocal.

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A well-deserved reward might be claimed by anyone who would rise whenever a chairman said, "Our speaker needs no introduction," and move that the introduction be dispensed with.

Standing at a bar a man became very much interested in a sign over the mirror reading "IITYWYBAD." He finally asked the bartender if it was a Russian, Polish or Hungarian word. The bar-tender replied it stood for plain English—"If I Tell You Will You Buy A Drink?"

He bought. — *Pure Oil News*.

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Several GI's, newly released from the army, are in Mr Ryan's freshman English class at Notre Dame, and a rapid review of grammar has brought frowns to many faces.

"It's so long since we've had anything like this that I doubt that we can get it," one lad said.

"Well," said the prof, "after all you fellows have been thru, this should be nothing. A dangling participle isn't so formidable as a Nazi with a machine gun."

"True," the lad replied, "but at least we knew what to do with the Nazi." — DALE HARRISON, *Chicago Sun*.

